



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Winter 2016-2017

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

Four year's ago this past October, Superstorm Sandy devastated many of Long Island's Southshore communities, including Babylon Village. Fortunately, life has returned to normal for most but others still struggle. The property auctions are over and most parcels have been purchased by builders. It is hoped that NY Rising might develop a further plan to address the few remaining vacant properties. After accessing the storm's aftermath back in 2012, the Village Board, along with construction professionals, determined it would take about five to six years to see our Village fully recovered from storm damage and it appears that prediction is right on schedule. Superstorm Sandy has permanently altered the landscape of our Village south of Montauk and it will never be the same but work continues to make it the best it can possibly be. On behalf of myself and all the Babylon Village Trustees, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the many volunteer organizations who have so selflessly aided those in need due to Sandy. You are a treasured part of our community.

Babylon Village continues to move forward with many activities and events that improve the quality of life for all our residents. As a result of various Girl Scout Silver Award projects Litchfield Avenue now has two permanent "Children at Play" signs, one eastbound and the other westbound. In addition, Girl Scouts from Troop 1627 created a mobile, weatherproof, lending library on wheels that resided at the Gilbert C. Hanse Pool this past summer, providing residents with a selection of reading material. Another by-product of Girl Scout projects in 2017 will see a new science-based summer recreation offering for young residents added to the present athletic programs.

Drainage and paving has been completed on Grove Place and the intersections of Grove and Carl Avenue and Grove and Railroad Avenue. It's the first time ever that drainage problems have been addressed on Grove Place. In addition, the Village, in conjunction with the Suffolk County Water Authority, has added drainage and new paving along The Crescent and Cedar Lane. Smart Sponge installation is ongoing throughout the Village. Gabion baskets filled with stone have been installed on the southwest corner of Argyle Lake and backfilled with topsoil and vegetation. We are currently seeking funding for more baskets filled with a variety of materials that could be used to prevent erosion along the lake's shoreline. In addition, stone dust replaces the asphalt on the east-west side around the lake and walkway work will continue. Our annual fall *S.T.O.P* program was again very successful with the 3rd paper shredding component extremely popular. The Chamber of Commerce presented their *Safe Trick or Treat* program throughout the business district on October 29th with a well-attended Halloween Parade with over 800 participants and lots of goodies for kids and shoppers alike. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk County Police Department, our Code Enforcement and Highway Personnel and the Babylon School District for making this a safe, fun-filled day in our Village.

As the holidays quickly approach, I encourage all Babylon residents to take part in the many fun traditions our community has created through the years. The November 27th *Decorate A*

Message continued...

Light Pole kicked off the holiday season to be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce's **Old Fashioned Village Christmas** on **Friday, December 2nd**. This year, the Village is closing Deer Park Avenue to all vehicular traffic from Railroad Avenue South to Montauk Highway. Activities for children and adults are planned along Deer Park Avenue. Come out, have fun and shop locally to support our many terrific merchants. That same evening, **Christmas at the Conklin House** will delight the eyes as doors open for all to view the magnificent decorations that adorn each room. On **Sunday, December 4th**, there will be the traditional **tree lighting** at Argyle Park with caroling and a visit from Santa. Following the tree lighting, plan to walk down to the Babylon Historical Society Museum for their **Wassail Bowl** and join your friends and neighbors for this traditional event that is a proven winner year after year.

And don't forget the **Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner** held at the Babylon High School the same day, **December 4th**. It's a great chance to mingle with friends old and new.

As the cold weather is upon us, please be careful when driving around our community and remember to be aware of snow removal procedures, which are outlined in this newsletter. The Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov will post critical weather and snow-related information. We did a terrific job of keeping our streets and walkways safe last year. Let's continue to work together to keep our roads and sidewalks safe for everyone. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please make sure to remove the snow around it so that emergency services can easily locate it.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers and remember their families as it is so difficult for them to be without their loved ones, especially at this time of the year.

On behalf of the **Village Board - Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Debbie Basile and Mary Adams** - I wish you peace this holiday season and send best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2017.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



The Babylon Fire Department reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave them unattended.
2. Select toys with safety in mind.
3. If displaying a fresh tree, remember to keep it watered daily.
4. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.
5. Inspect decorative lights for frayed wires or damage.
6. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries in devices already in use.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind are:

- **Make sure your house number is visible in the dark.** This is imperative for your safety in the event rescue or fire personnel need to find your location at night.
- Keep hydrants close to your home clear of debris and snow.

AS WINTER APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER...



- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- All parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the responsibility of residents.**
- **Businesses** are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours of a snowfall. This is important for the safety of your customers and employees.





AUTUMN AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE



A record number of people enjoyed this year's recent Apples and Art Festival held the weekend of October 14th. Special thanks to Karen Petz and Larry Nye who planned the successful artist reception on that Friday night and the exhibit throughout the weekend. Thanks to Skip Gardner and his capable crew for set up and for being Johnny-on-the-Spot throughout the weekend. Gratitude also to Margaret Rohl, along with her many dedicated volunteers who ran the Apple Festival on Saturday.



In addition, on October 30th, Dr. Christopher Proto was presented with the Nathaniel Conklin Award for Volunteerism followed by a small reception of family and friends.

(pictured: Monica, Dr. Christopher and Andrew Proto)

Donations of old jeans and shirts for making scarecrows at the annual Apple Festival are most appreciated and accepted throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE



Trustee Debbie Basile reports that Christmas Activities at the Conklin House will begin with the *Holiday Cookie Contest* on **Thursday, December 1st**. Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at [587-6352](tel:587-6352) or Kathy Ruggieri at [669-2970](tel:669-2970), or register at the Babylon Public Library.

On **Friday, December 2nd from 6-9pm** come celebrate *Christmas at the Conklin House*. Visitors can tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members. Light refreshments will be served including the delicious cookies from the cookie contest.

On **Sunday, December 4th from 12-4pm** the Conklin House will hold its annual *Picture Perfect Christmas* photo shoot with Santa in one of our beautifully decorated rooms. Photos will be taken by professional photographer Vicky Jauron of Babylon and Beyond Photography.

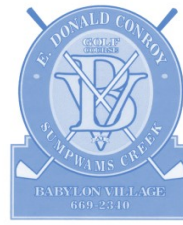
As always, we thank our wonderful committee of volunteers who donate their talents and time to make the Conklin House such a delightful holiday showcase.

And coming to the Conklin House in 2017...

A variety of cultural events are being planned at the Conklin House in the new year, including a one-man art show in the Spring, the always popular Afternoon Tea and a food tasting, to name a few.

Our annual *Dinner for Eight* is being held on **Saturday, March 25th**. Raffle tickets are \$20 each; 3 for \$50. The winner, along with seven others of their choosing, will be treated to a sumptuous and elegant dinner at the Conklin House. For details or to purchase tickets, call the Conklin House at [669-8164](tel:669-8164).

Please watch The Babylon Beacon for full details on these and more activities/events planned for 2017. If you would like to be added to our "Events Alert" notifications of upcoming Conklin House offerings, please call [669-8164](tel:669-8164) and leave your name and email address or email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowny reports another busy October at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. On October 29th, the course held its 13th annual *Village Cup Tournament*. Forty golfers, representing twenty village organizations, competed for the trophy. At the end of the day, the EDC Men's League team of Rudy Carastro and Dan Drance tied the Babylon Fire Department team of Mike Golub and Chris O'Shea with both shooting a combined 63.

League Play:

The men's and women's leagues held their respective tournaments in the fall, with Warren Light winning the men's championship with a 27-hole score of 91 and Greg Walsh finishing second with a score of 94. Michelle Fanchiang took the women's trophy with an 18-hole score of 64 with Phylliss Kroll finishing second with a score of 68.

The highlight of the men's season was Greg Walsh's *two hole-in-ones*. Most golfers go through their entire careers without getting one, but Greg had a great season and came away with two aces!

Anyone interested in any of the clubs tournaments or leagues can call the course at [669-2340](tel:669-2340) to get more information.



Michelle Fanchiang



Warren Light

The Village course will remain open, weather permitting, through December. Gift certificates are available now for the holidays. Stop by and take advantage of the "*Winter Special*" going on now: **Play 18 holes for the price of 9!** (Monday through Thursday only.)

For all golfing information, call the course office at [669-2340](tel:669-2340).



GOLF GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

Available for Purchase at the Golf Course
Or the Village Clerk's Office



ATTENTION SENIORS Tax Exemption News

The maximum income to qualify for a Senior Citizen Exemption is \$30,000. If you had a 2016 exemption you should have received your renewal application. If you did not have a 2016 exemption, you can download the application at the bottom of our website page, come into the Village Clerks office and pick one up or we will mail one to you. All applications must be received in the Office of the Village Clerk no later than December 30, 2016, however, earlier in December is recommended.

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

Trustee Mary Adams reports the Babylon Historical Society, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will host the annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4pm on Sunday, December 4th** in Argyle Park. This family-oriented community event is a highlight for many, especially the children, as they await the arrival of Santa Claus.

Immediately following the tree lighting on **December 4th**, the Historical Society invites the public to the annual **Wassail Bowl at 4pm** at its museum on Main Street to relive the Victorian tradition of visiting friends and neighbors to share a cup of warm, mulled cider, or Wassail.



COMING YOUR WAY ...

Watch your mail in late December for your
2017 SANITATION PICK-UP CALENDAR



HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

The **Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce** hosts the annual **Old-Fashioned Village Christmas** from **5 -9pm on Friday, December 2nd**. Bring your family out to enjoy this special night mingling with friends, shopping, listening to holiday music playing throughout the business area and catching a glimpse of Santa on his horse-drawn wagon. It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit while supporting our local merchants.
Raindate: December 9

DOCKING NEWS

Boaters are reminded that **all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1** and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during the winter months. Winter boat berths, are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. Boats can be moored for a fee of \$250. It is an economical alternative to pulling your boat out of the water for the winter months. This program is also open to non-village residents, as well. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at [669-1500](tel:669-1500).

HOW ABOUT THAT SNAPPER DERBY?

The Babylon Tuna Club held their Snapper Derby on Saturday, August 27th this year and there wasn't an open spot on the dock. The Derby was open to youngsters 12 years of age and younger. Over 100 children participated and many bicycles and other prizes given out. It was a great day for all involved and everyone left the dock with a smile on their face!



SHREDDING PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL AGAIN!

For the third year in a row, Babylon Village added a paper shredding component to it's fall S.T.O.P. Program held on September 24th. Village residents showed their concern for the environment as well as their desire to protect their personal information from identity theft. 65 families participated in the S.T.O.P. Program and 102 households/ individuals participated in the shredding program. How does the Village paper shredding translate into real numbers? Take a look:

The **7,725 lbs.** of personal papers shredded saved:

65.6625 trees

231.75 pounds of Particulate Air Pollution

7.725 Barrels of Oil

15836.25 Kilowatts of Electricity

12.36 Cubic Yards of Landfill

A TREE GROWS IN BABYLON

Trustee Mary Adams reports that a wonderful response has been received by residents for the Village Tree Planting Program. Plantings will be arranged shortly for curb line trees in front of resident's homes. Also...A special "Thank You" to our greenhouse crew for all their efforts in making sure our Village looks beautiful throughout the year.



SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting February 21st, 2017, the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office at [669-1212](tel:669-1212).

Babylon Village CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1	Cookie Contest at the Conklin House
December 2	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas
December 2	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 4	Conklin House Christmas Photos, 12-4PM
December 4	Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 PM
December 4	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society, 4-5 PM
December 4	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
December 26*	Christmas Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
December 30	Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions
January 2*	New Year's Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
January 16*	Martin Luther King's Birthday (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
February 20*	Presidents' Day (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
April 14	Good Friday (<i>Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon</i>)

* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick-up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call [669-4878](tel:669-4878), Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



Mayor Ralph A. Scordino



Trustee Kevin Muldowney



Trustee Mary Adams



Trustee Anthony Davida



Trustee Debbie Basile



Justice John Rafter



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Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	587-7707	Village Pool (Summer)
669-1300	Assessor	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House
669-4878	Parks Dept.		

Police911

Fire & Rescue 911 or 226-1212

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